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Merced Theatre
420-422 No. Main Street,
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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407 So. Western Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

MERGED THEATRE
420-422 No. Main Street,
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Owner: Miss Carmen Abbot. 724 New High Street, Los Angeles

Date of erection: 1870

Architect:

Builder:

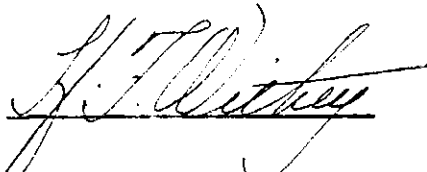
Present condition: Well preserved but repeatedly altered on the interior to meet the needs of changing tenants. A canopy originally covered the full side walk but no longer exists.

Number of stories: Three

Materials of construction: Brick walls, plastered front with wood cornices and mouldings, cast iron columns and steel girders in the front support the upper walls. Cast iron columns carry girders in the first story. Interior and roof of wood construction. Interior plastered.

Other existing records: "Doors to Yesterday," A guide to Old Los Angeles written by Marion Parks in 1932.

Additional Data: This was the first permanent theatre in Los Angeles and was named the Merced for Dona Mercedes Garcia de Abbot by her husband, William Abbott, who conducted a furniture store on the ground floor where he was succeeded by the present firm of Barker Brothers. After its theatre days the building was occupied by the Los Angeles Guards, then as a house for one of the volunteer fire companies.



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